

**Before the State of South Carolina  
Department of Insurance**

**In the Matter of:**

Jean H. Lawton

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SCDOI Docket # 06-0803

**ORDER REVOKING  
NON-RESIDENT PRODUCER  
LICENSE**

This matter comes before the South Carolina Department of Insurance (the Department), upon application of David E. Belton, Esquire, Senior Associate General Counsel for the Department, requesting the revocation of Jean H. Lawton's, (Producer) non-resident producer's license.

After careful review of the evidence presented the Department issues the following decision.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Producer is currently a South Carolina non-resident producer.

In the State of South Carolina the producer failed to maintain her producer's license in her home state of Wisconsin.

In the State of South Carolina the producer failed to notify this Department of the administrative action taken against her in Wisconsin.

In the State of South Carolina the producer failed to respond to the notices of investigation sent by the Department, reportedly unclaimed or refused by her, according to the US Postal Services.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Pursuant to S.C. Code §38-43-130(A)(C)(9) (A): "The director or his designee may place on probation, revoke, or suspend a producer's license after ten days' notice or refuse to issue or reissue a license when it appears that a producer has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, has violated this title or any regulation promulgated by the department, or has willfully deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State." (C): "The words 'deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State' include, but are not limited to, action or inaction by the producer as follows:" (9): "having an insurance producer license or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district or territory." Because Ms. Lawton's producer license was revoked in her home state of Wisconsin, the Department now moves to revoke her South Carolina non-resident producer's license.

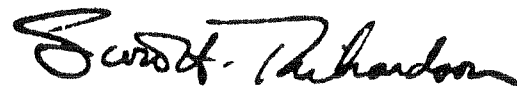
Pursuant to S.C. Code §38-43-247(A): "A producer shall report to the Director or his designee any administrative action taken against the producer in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency in this State, within thirty days of the final disposition of the matter. The report shall include a copy of the initial complaint filed, the order resulting from the hearing, and any other relevant legal documents..." As a result of Jean Lawton's failure to report to the insurance director this administrative action, the Department may place on probation, revoke, or suspend her producer's license.

### **ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is ordered that Jean H. Lawton's South Carolina non-resident producer license shall be revoked thirty (30) days from the date of this order and no license issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to her, unless Jean Lawton requests in writing within said thirty (30) day period a public hearing before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners be immediately be notified of this order.

This South Carolina Department of Insurance administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§30-4-10, et seq. (1991 and Supp. 2006). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report." S.C. Code Ann. §38-3-110(3) (Supp. 2006).



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Scott H. Richardson  
Director of Insurance

Dated this 16 day of April 2007.